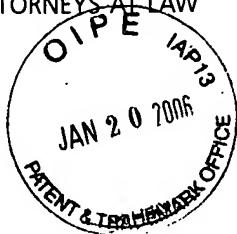




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Inventors: REDDY *et al.*  
Our Ref: 2358.0180003/RWE/AES

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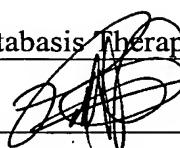
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